



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
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FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1412

baccalaureate degrees; substitute certificates

Purpose

Adds a substitute certificate to the certificates for which a person is not required to have a baccalaureate degree.

Background

To receive a teaching certificate or other certificate from the State Board of Education (SBE), a person must meet prescribed education, experience and proficiency requirements that vary based on certificate type. The holder of a substitute certificate may substitute in the temporary absence of a regular contract teacher in prekindergarten programs through grade 12 and may not be assigned a contract teaching position. To qualify for a substitute certificate, a person must have a baccalaureate degree and a valid fingerprint clearance card. A substitute certificate is valid for six years and renewable by reapplication ([A.A.C. R7-2-614](#)).

A certificated teacher must have a baccalaureate degree, except for a candidate for: 1) a Native American language certificate; 2) a student teaching intern certificate; 3) a junior reserve officer training corps certificate; 4) an athletic coaching certificate; or 5) an emergency substitute certificate. A person who provides instruction in STEM or career and technical education may also be exempt from the baccalaureate degree requirement as outlined ([A.R.S. § 15-501.01](#)). Requirements for these certificates are prescribed by the SBE ([A.A.C. R7-2-614](#)).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

1. Adds a substitute certificate to the certificates for which a person is not required to have a baccalaureate degree.
2. Makes technical changes.
3. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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